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Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream. Unlike most people today in society, he went against all odds to turn his thoughts into a reality. His battle against racism and to change the American society, has made lasting impressions, and gave major contributions to our current environment. Although he is unable to see what he did for us today, he during his brief life managed to get into the hearts and souls of many through tons of long speeches and brushes with the law.

As a United States citizen, I feel obligated to continue his dream of a perfect society. Although I am just a teenager, I feel that I am strong enough to make an impact even if it is only changing the lives of a couple community people. The role I see for myself is to set a good example, and to make people delighted.

The mission that I desire to begin within the next few years is to donate extra time, money, clothes, and toys to the less fortunate. I recognize that I cannot take away the hurt and despair from all people, but I can impact a couple of lives with everything that I can do. If my fellow peers and adults see me acting upon this battle, I am sure I could impact their lives so they will see the joy, that I, among many others bring to people's faces, and would want to join in and help even more.

Violence is a major problem with young people today. Reasons for kids performing this profound action are different, but most of them in my opinion are due to peer pressure, and looking cool. I know that I am not going to change the minds of everyone about this subject, but even if I can impact one person's life and steer them to the right path, that is sufficient enough for me. A way in which I will take on this next

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battle in my life is by setting good examples for others on how the correct way to act is. I will prohibit myself from taking part in any of these incorrect actions, and I will definitely be a true friend to anyone looking for a shelter in this harsh society. When others see me turn down and fight peer pressure, they too will feel they can defend their morals. In return for staying out of these extreme actions, I will be rewarded in the long run with having respect from others, and staying in good health for years to come.

Martin Luther King Jr. had campaign after campaign, battle after battle to try to change the unjust in the hearts of people. Through trial and failure, he has come out on top of what is what seems to be of the most unjust situations in history. If I start now to change what is wrong in the country, with the help of others, we too can make a lasting impression within our community.